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Ladies and Gentlemen. The Middle East is not the only place in world that is in turmoil tonight because so is Washington, D. C., and so is London, England. The White House has seen its busiest day in a long, long time, perhaps the busiest day since President Eisenhower took office.

It began with a meeting of the National Security Council the first thing this morning, although at that stage of the game there was so little information that no intelligent appraisal of the situation was possible. Later Secretary of State Dulles and Vice President Nixon joined the President and considered the meager dispatches, most of them based on announcements by the Iraq rebel forces themselves, and that's not too reliable from the factual standpoint. So far as normal commercial communications are concerned, the capital city of Baghdad is totally cut off from the rest of the world, and Secretary Dulles had less information from his diplomatic sources than the press associations had. I might explain, Ladies and Gentlemen, if I sound a little out of breath, I am. The Shrine convention is on here in Chicago and I got in an elevator jam getting here and arrived only about 30 seconds before the broadcast.

Getting back to these problems in the Middle East, however, it seems to be agreed that the pro-Western government of King Faysal has been overthrown in a coup d'etat that was carefully timed for 4 a.m. this morning, Iraq time, and the rebels claim to be in complete control of the country, although dispatches in the last hour have stated that loyal nationalist troops from outside Baghdad are marching on the city to take it back from the rebels.

Also, from neighboring Jordan, King Husayn has declared himself the monarch also of Iraq under the provisions of the Arab federation treaty of February 14 of this year--the anti-Nasir Arab combination which provided that when a ruler of either country is absent from his throne the other ruler is to assume the rulership of both countries. Additional reports quote King Husayn as stating that he is taking positive action